**February 7th General Assembly**

3:30-5:00pm EST

Woodburn Room 120

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Agenda & Minutes

Notetaker: VP, Katharina Schmid-Schmidsfelden

Current Number of Representatives: 69

Number needed for Quorum: 23

Number attending assembly: 31

* Approval of minutes from last time:
* Campus & GPSG Updates:
  + Closing of LGBTQ+ health talks
  + Ongoing – Student Trustee search for the Board of Trustees (application closed)
  + Ongoing – Chancelor Search (application closed)
  + IUSG elections March 3-5 – we can vote in those too!
  + Increase in minimum graduate stipend to $24k/10 months
  + Community Organizing: 
    - Feb 12, 7-9 PM: Peaceful Rally to stop mass deportations at the Sample Gates
    - Feb 19, Stand up for Science 4PM, IMU State Room East
  + **GPSG elections are coming up! Apply!!**
    - **Applications due Feb 28**
    - **Present and vote at March 7th**
    - **Appointed positions by March 28th**
* SAA Updates from Matthew Jackson
  + Stipend Update
    - Campus wide minimum stipend increased to 24K which puts us in the middle of the (public) Big Ten
  + BFC SAA Mediation Committee (BL-ACA-D23) to file grievances between SAAs and their hiring unit to facilitate discussion beyond the departmental level, this mediation is for SAA specific matters, for degree matters the ombuds person would step in (is more informal and confidential)
  + BFC-SAA Board of Review (BL-ACA-D24)
  + Contact [bfcoff@iu.edu](mailto:bfcoff@iu.edu) with a written description of any grievances to begin the mediation progress and <https://bfc.indiana.edu/>
  + The ombudsperson mediates on a departmental level and is committed to grievances related to finishing your degree
  + Q:
    - Privacy?
    - Differentiation between this committee and ombudsperson? Committee is related to hiring relations and the ombudsperson towards your degree as a student
    - Top half of salary would be NW 45K per year USC 39K, 16 public in the Big Ten universities
    - Bargaining unit? Organization to advocate for workers and rights on campus would keep the administration honest about the needs of graduate workers and communicate a more realistic picture and could help discussing these issues
* CIE Updates
  + LGBTQ Grad student group will be established by end of semester
  + International Affairs Appointment
    - Meeting with Hannah Buxbaum (VP for International Affairs) on the future for international graduate students:
    - All updates will be on the Website!! International Affairs Website
    - Review of all countries that issue visas,
    - Recommendation: As an international student do not travel during spring break!
    - **As an international student be careful about protests! Protect your identity**
    - Q: what reassurance is the university giving international students
      * No guarantee about an ability to graduate, the University needs to follow the federal laws
      * OIS keeps an updated version of the website: <https://ois.iu.edu/index.html>
    - Q: is the travel suggestion online on the OIS website?
      * No they want this confirmed first but want this information to travel through other levels of communication
    - Q: Statement of State level?
      * Yes they will comply with federal legislation
      * ICE on Campus: you are supposed to work with ICE but you don't have to go with them!
      * Have documentation with you at all times
      * ICE not spotted on campus yet
      * They have to be let into the classroom, but your students do not have to go with them
      * You are guaranteed legal representation
    - Q: instructional level? ICE beats FERPA?
      * This should be discussed on the departmental level
      * You as an instructor can and should not communicate personal documentation of your students
    - Q: Legal aid?
      * Student legal services on campus with a focus on international students
      * <https://studentlife.indiana.edu/care-advocacy/legal-services/index.html>
    - Other resources:
      * <https://ois.iu.edu/index.html>
      * <https://www.nafsa.org/>
      * <https://global.iu.edu/>
      * <https://studentlife.indiana.edu/care-advocacy/legal-services/index.html>
  + New Name of DEI committee: Committee for Inclusion and Engagement
    - Name change in order to keep existing and working
* Resolution Discussion Reformat:
  + *Supercommunicators* see Kathleens presentation in the teams folder
  + Proposal of new structure:
    - 10 min presentation
    - 10 min break out groups
    - 15 min GA discussion
* **Resolution on Communication from IU on Changes to Federal Research Funding**
  + 50 graduate students are currently funded through the NSF
  + Freeze on all project funding
  + Good overview from UMich: <https://research.umich.edu/message-on-pause-to-federal-grants-loans/>
  + This ask is in the interest of the University itself
  + Discussion:
    - who would be in charge of creating and maintaining this website?
      * <https://research.iu.edu/news-events/announcements/index.html>
    - Information from federal level or university level? Desired lack for opaqueness?
      * This should strengthen the communication between the university and the administration
      * There is a research updates page, but it seems to not be sufficient: it does not communicate the effects of these implementations for the people here at IU
    - GPSG email to all grad students w current website and updates?
      * Anjali updates on BFC and Provost meeting
  + **VOTE: Motion passes! Y30 N0 Ammend1**
* GA Happy Hour!

February GA Email Template

Hello [your department’s name],

At the last General Assembly of the GPSG, we have discussed the following topics:

* **GPSG elections are coming up!**
  + Applications for **President, VP and treasurer are due February 28th**
  + Present and vote at the March 7th General Assembly
  + Appointed positions are due on March 28th
  + Please send applications to [iugpsg@iu.edu](mailto:iugpsg@iu.edu) and reach out if you have any questions
* SAA Minimum Stipend Update
  + Campus wide minimum stipend increased to **24K**
  + BFC SAA Mediation Committee (BL-ACA-D23) and BFC-SAA Board of Review (BL-ACA-D24) to file grievances between SAAs and their hiring unit to facilitate discussion beyond the departmental level
  + Contact [bfcoff@iu.edu](mailto:bfcoff@iu.edu) with a written description of any grievances to begin the mediation progress and<https://bfc.indiana.edu/>
* Updates for International Students from the Committee for Inclusion and Engagement (CEI)
  + All updates will be on the International Affairs Website and will no longer be sent out via email
  + Recommendation:
    - As an international student do not travel during spring break!
    - As an international student, be careful about protests! Protect your identity
  + ICE on Campus: you are supposed to work with ICE but you don't have to go with them
    - You are guaranteed legal representation
    - You as an instructor can and should not communicate personal documentation of your students
* Other resources:
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* <https://ois.iu.edu/index.html>
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* <https://global.iu.edu/>
* <https://studentlife.indiana.edu/care-advocacy/legal-services/index.html>
* GPSG resolution on **Communication from IU on Changes to Federal Research Funding** passes
  + Learn more about our resolution on our website!

If you have any feedback, insights, or queries, you would like heard in our graduate and professional government please reach out to me at - xx

[Your name and email]